

ON THE LAND-SHELLS OF PENANG ISLAND, WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF THE
ANIMALS AND ANATOMICAL NOTES; *part second*,* HELICACEA,—
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(With plates I to III.)

In this group of pulmoniferous land-shells I shall notice twenty three species, belonging to the *Zonitidæ*, *Helicidæ*, *Bulimidæ*, *Clausiliidæ*, *Philomyxidæ*, *Pupidæ*, *Streptaxidæ*, *Veronicellidæ* and *Vaginulidæ*. The majority of the species are new, except a few previously described from the neighbouring country, and on one or two of such commonly distributed species, as are *Stenogyra gracilis* or *Ennea bicolor*.

Nearly all the species had been collected with the animals living, and I have spared no pains in order to make the detailed anatomical account as complete, as it appears desirable for a correct generic determination.

I scarcely need to mention, that on the whole the fauna is characteristically Malayan, the same fauna which extends from the Philippine islands through Burma and Arakan into the warm valleys of Sikkim. In the plains of Bengal it mixes with the Indian fauna proper.

I cannot help repeating the urgent request to my conchological friends in India, that they may favour me with live specimens of the species of shells occurring in their neighbourhood. In the *Helicaceæ* especially, the anatomical characters are indispensable for a correct generic determination, and without this it will not be possible to obtain a natural arrangement of our terrestrial Mollusca.

Fam. Zonitidæ.

RHYSOTA† CYMATIUM, (*Benson*). Pl. i, figs. 1-3 and pl. ii, figs. 13-15.

Helix Cymatium, Benson, apud Pfeiffer, Novit. Conch. I, p. 58, pl. xvii, figs. 1-2.

Penang specimens, which slightly differ in the height of the spire, (see figs. 1-3, pl. i,) agree in almost every point of structure with the type shell, described by Pfeiffer from Lancavi, a small island situated a few miles north of Penang. The increase of the volutions is in both exactly the same, the upper side of the whorls is marked with fine oblique rugosities, the lower is spirally striated; in fresh specimens the former is silky brown, the lower olivaceous brown, the inside of the aperture is in full grown specimens cover-

* Continued from J. A. S. B., for 1872. Vol. XLI, pt. ii, p. 271.

† Albers, *Heliceen*, edit. E. v. Martens, p. 54.

ed with a kind of a nacreous callose layer. The only noticeable difference consists in the narrowness of the umbilicus, its width being in all the Penang specimens, which I obtained, about one twelfth of the diameter of the shell, while in Benson's type it is only one seventh of the same diameter.

The species is found all over Penang hill from elevations of about 300 to 2500 feet, and both on the ground as well as on trees, but chiefly on the latter; it is, however, not common, and adult shells are indeed extreme rarities.

The closely allied *Rh. densa*, (Adams),* only differs by a slightly smaller number of whorls, the last being much wider. *Rh. Chevalieri*, (Souleyet), differs in the same character, though it has the umbilicus of exactly the same size as the Penang variety of *cymatium*.

The animal is stout and rather short, its total length being less than twice the diameter of the shell; the posterior part of the body is the shorter one, and above rather sharply ridged; it ends with a large gland and a projecting horn above it. The whole body is uniform more or less dark brown, laterally strongly warty and obliquely grooved; the pedal row is very distinctly margined on both sides with an impressed line, and the margin of the foot below it is broad, smooth, marked with alternately brown and pale oblique stripes, so as to give the appearance of a variegated fringe. The eye peduncles and tentacles are of usual proportionate length, dark brown or even blackish, the latter with pale tips. On the whole, the general colour of the specimens varies a great deal; the young are mostly pale brown with an olivaceous tinge, while in old ones the neck, including the head and pedicles, become almost black.

The mantle is somewhat paler than the body, its edge moderately thickened. There are two small linguiform shell-lobes present, a right one, just below the inner or posterior angle of the aperture of the shell, thus playing on the inner lip, and producing its moderately distinct nacreous and callose structure. The other lobe lies below the outer periphery of the shell on the basal side; it projects from the outer end of a rather elongated very narrow fringe, which is separated from the edge of the mantle itself. The right neck-lobe is entire, thick, rounded, somewhat freely projecting at the lower or umbilical end. The left neck lobe is divided in two portions, the upper elongately rounded, the lower much narrower, with the upper end somewhat pointedly extended. The edge of the mantle which secretes the umbilical margin of the peristome is internally considerably thickened, (comp. pl. ii, fig. 13).

I have not been able to see satisfactorily the exact structure of the genital system, but, as far as it could be examined, it appears almost entirely to agree with that of *Rhysota semiglobosa*, figured by Semper. There certainly are no appendages present—neither on the penis, nor on the seminal duct or uterus.

* E. v. Martens, Ost-Asiat. Expedit. p. 230, pl. 10, fig. 1.

The jaw is smooth, semilunar, with a round projection in the middle of the concave edge; it is about 2.5 m.m. broad.

The radula is comparatively of very great length. In a middle-sized specimen it measured 7 m.m. in length and 3 m.m. in breadth, although one of the ends was not quite perfect. I counted 106 transverse rows and about 141 teeth in each row. The centre tooth has a comparatively short point without any lateral denticles, and is somewhat smaller than the adjoining laterals. The first of these has a long, laterally bent, rather blunt projection; the following very gradually decrease in size and the middle cusp becomes gradually more pointed and curved, while the basal plate decreases. With about the fiftieth tooth the end begins to become bicuspid, and on about the hundredth tooth on either side, the two cusps are sharpest and best developed.

Semper (*Reisen im Archipel der Philipp.*, Vol. III, p. 68) says that *Rhysota* does not possess any developed shell lobes of the mantle. In the present species their existence is undeniable, and still all the other characters of the animal and shell point towards the greatest relation of *R. cymatium* to other typical species of the genus, which scarcely would have any meaning, if it were restricted in the sense given to it by Semper. I very much doubt, that all the species with polished lower surface of the shell, referred by Semper to *Rhysota*, have no shell-lobes. How then do they produce the smoothness of the shell? I generally found shell-lobes essential for that purpose. But supposing some of the species really had no shell-lobes, this would be no sufficient reason for excluding any other species which possess them from *Rhysota*; for in *Xesta* we have a similar mixture of forms with and without shell-lobes.

Thus the only anatomical difference, which remains to be considered as distinguishing *Rhysota* from *Xesta*, is the simple form of the genital organs in the former. How far this character is really reliable for generic distinctions, is a point by no means easily settled, as I had already occasion to notice when speaking of the anatomy of the two species of *Sitala* (*Conulema*, olim) (*Journ. A. S. B.*, Vol. xl, Pt. ii, 1871, p. 236 &c.), *S. attega* and *S. infula*.

When we compare the characters relating to the presence or absence or form of the mantle lobes, we meet with a perfect similarity between *Rhysota* and *Rotula*. The distinction between the two merely rests in the presence of an amatorial gland in the latter genus, while the shells only differ in the upper side of *Rhysota* being irregularly corrugated, and in *Rotula* reticulately striated, or transversely costulated.

In speaking of the shell of *Rhysota*, Albers gives the peculiarly rugose upper surface as one of the most important characters of the genus.

ROTULA* BIJUGA, n. sp., Pl. i, figs. 4-7 and pl. ii, figs. 16-18.

R. depressa conoidea et suborbiculata, vel late conica, angustissime umbilicata, tenui, cornea, pallide succinea; anfractibus 5·5 ad 6·5, suturâ simplici, suprâ rare filiforme marginata, junctis, lente accrescentibus, in superficie superiore convexiusculis, costulis transversis obliquis, confertis, striis spiralibus confertissimis ac plus minusve distinctis intersectis, crispatulis seu subgranulosis, ornatis; ultimo ad peripheriam acute carinato, ad basin modice inflato, nitido, sublævigato, striis incrementi radiantibus atque alteris spiralibus sub-obsolete notato, medio concaviusculo; apertura angulatim semilunari, paulum obliqua, labio tenuissimo vix distinguendo, labro ad marginem tenui, neque expanso, neque incrassato, ad insertionem umbilicalem brevissime reflexo instructa.

Dimensiones varietatum frequentium:—

Diam. major.	D. minor.	Alt. testæ.	Alt. aperturæ.	Lat. aperturæ.
a. 14·5	13·5	11·0	6·0	7·6 m.m.
b. 16·2	15·0	10·9	6·6	8·2 „
c. 17·4	15·6	12·0	7·2	9·2 „
d. 17·4	16·0	10·9	7·0	9·0 „

Diam. maj. speciminis maximi 18.8 m.m.

It will be seen from the above measurements, which are taken from the four figured specimens, that the height of the shell is very variable, but the increase of the whorls is very nearly quite constant. The upper convexity of the whorls also slightly varies; the sides of the spire are generally nearly straight, more rarely conspicuously convex; occasionally the peripheral keel is somewhat projecting above the suture. The ornamentation is characteristically that of *Rotula*, reticulately sculptured above, nearly smooth below. The transverse ribs on the upper surface are traversed by fine spiral lines, which generally only produce a slight undulation in the direction of the ribs, sometimes, however, a fine granulation is formed. As regards form, the present species very closely resembles the Burmese *R. anceps*, (Gould), and also the South Indian *R. Shiplyi*, the first has, however, the upper costulation very fine and no spiral striæ, while the latter has both much stronger developed, producing a granular surface, and the shell is also more solid. The third very closely allied species is *R. indica*, differing principally by a greater width of the last whorl, and also by a stronger sculpture.

* Comp. Journ. A. S. B., 1871, Vol. xl, pt. ii, p. 231. The name *Rotula* has also been applied in the ACTINOZOA, but if our zoological classification should make such rapid progress, as it has done lately, it will, I think, in no long time be almost impossible to find new names for the generic groups, and we shall be forced to modify the existing rules at least so far that the same name may become reapplicable in at least the five or six principal divisions of the animal kingdom. A further relaxation of the rule would scarcely prove beneficial and would hardly be necessary.

The animal of the Penang species, when fully extended, equals in length about twice the longer diameter of the shell ; back roundly flattened above, foot posteriorly obtusely ridged, terminating with a large gland which is superseded by a small horn ; pedal row very distinct and the edge of foot below obliquely striated. The general colour of the body is pale or livid grey, with a general reddish tinge when full grown. A pale yellow (in young), or more or less distinctly cinober red (in adults), stripe extends along the centre of the back and the superior ridge of the foot, the former is bounded on each side by a broad black stripe, originating at the base of each peduncle and continuing to the mantle, and below this stripe there is again a yellowish or red line. The posterior red band is only edged with black. The sides of the foot, both anteriorly and posteriorly, are more or less distinctly variegated with impure black and tinged with red ; front of head between the two pedicles and tentacles with a black spot ; pedicles and tentacles generally greyish, the latter with a reddish tinge, and with pale, rather large, globular tips, the former with a black ring at the base where the longitudinal black bands begin.

The mantle is moderately thickened. The right shell lobe is entirely obsolete, or only indicated by a very slight extension of the edge, a short distance below the upper angle of the aperture of the shell. Sole of foot divided by a longitudinal groove. The right neck lobe is large and extends as a moderately broad fringe to near the retractor muscle where it terminates with a free end. The left neck lobe is smaller with a linguiform free outer end. The left outer edge of the mantle is externally also entire, like the right one, but about the middle of the basal portion it has internally a distinct lobe, about 2 m.m. in length, which in its situation strictly speaking lies between the shell and the neck lobe ; but as it becomes reflected with its edge over the shell, it has to be regarded as the representant of the left shell lobe. The lower portion of the left neck lobe is only a thickened swelling, extending as a narrow inner rim of the edge of the mantle to near the umbilicus. Both the right and left neck lobe have a large black spot, in continuation of the lateral black bands of the back.

The general anatomy does not differ in any essential point from that of *R. anceps*, as briefly noticed by me in Journ. A. S. B., Vol. xl, pt. II, 1871, p. 233, pl. xvii, fig. 1.

The jaw is semilunar, perfectly smooth, with obtusely rounded corners, and a slight rounded projection in the centre of the concave edge ; it is about 1.5 m.m. broad.

The length of the radula is about 4.5, and its breadth above 1.5 m.m. ; it is composed of about 105 transverse, nearly straight rows of teeth, there being about 121 teeth in each row. The form of the teeth again very closely resembles that of *Rot. anceps*, (loc. cit.). All the points extend beyond the upper edge of the basal plate ; the central is somewhat widened below

the terminal point, contracted in the middle, but it has no distinct denticles at the sides. The laterals gradually become more and more turned, and curved, with a small inner and scarcely a trace of an outer denticle; up to the 20th they very gradually diminish in size, then a very slight break follows, the 21st being somewhat sensibly smaller and first distinctly bicuspid at the tip, while at the same time the size of the basal plate has much diminished, until in the last teeth it almost entirely becomes obsolete; the two terminal cusps on the other hand become gradually more and more equal.

The genital organs have a distinct amatorial gland, possessing near its origin a large globose appendage, internally composed of an elliptical largely cellular mass, in which the cells are concentrically arranged with their longer diameter perpendicular to the walls of the ellipse. The posterior part of the gland is filled with a finely granular substance,—probably calcareous particles. The vas deferens has only one slight enlargement about the middle of its length; it consisted in a simple thickening of the walls, but I could not trace any calcareous particles in it. Towards the end, where the penis is lodged, the tube is widest and somewhat curved, but there are no other appendages, or calcareous sacs accompanied with a flagellum, present, such as have been observed in many other species of *Rotula*.

*SITALA** *CARINIFERA*, n. sp. Pl. i, fig. 8.

Testa globose conoidea, cornea, apice obtusula, angustissime perforata; anfractibus quinque, gradatim accrescentibus, convexe angulatis, sutura simplici junctis, transversim minutissime striolatis, superis infra medium carinis filiformibus duobus ornatis, ultimo ad peripheriam tricarinato, basi planate convexiusculo, lævigato; apertura semilunari, verticali, non descendente, labro extus tenuissimo, in regione columellari paululum reflexiusculo.

Diam. maj. 2·2, minor 2, alt. testæ 2 m. m.

Hab.—‘Penang hill,’ in foliis *Coffeæ arabicæ*, specimen unicum.

The animal of this species is exactly like that of *S. infula*, figured in pl. xviii, in J. A. S. B., Vol. xl, Pl. ii, for 1871; it has a generally pale brownish grey colour; but having obtained a single specimen, I did not like to sacrifice the shell, in order to notice the internal structure; for when examining these little species one is by no means sure, that he will obtain from a single specimen an insight into the whole anatomy.

The present species is closely allied to the Nilgheri *Helix tricarinata*. Blf., which is also a *Sitala*, and differs by a more depressed and broadly conical shape, and by having a much wider umbilicus.

* H. Adams proposed this name for *Helix infula*, Bens., as type (P. Z. S. for 1865, p. 408). I had unfortunately overlooked this reference, when I proposed for Benson’s *atlegia* (and *infula* and a few others) the name *Conulema*, which must now be regarded as identical with *sitala* (J. A. S. B., xl, pt. II, p. 236.)

MACROCHLAMYS* STEPHOIDES, n. sp. Pl. i, fig. 9, and pl. ii, figs. 19-20.

M. orbiculata, spira depressa convexiuscula, basi medio concaviuscula, angustissime perforata, tenui, succineo cornea, unicolore, circa umbilicum albescente; anfractibus sex, lentissime accrescentibus, sutura lineari junctis, infra suturam angustissime adpressis, nitidis, fere politis, striis incrementi transversis minutissimis, nonnunquam fere omnino obsoletis, notatis, supra convexiuseulis; ultimo ad peripheriam fere uniforme convexo; apertura subsemilunari, vix obliqua, labio per-tenui, labro simplici, ad basin paulum sinuose producto, ad insertionem umbilicalem anguste atque breviter reflexo. Diam. maj. 11·6, d. min. 10·7, alt. 7; alt. apert. cum perist. 4·8, ejusdem lat. 5·6 m.m.

The nearest ally of this species, as regards general character and size, is the Andamanese *Macroch. stephus*,† (Benson), differing from the present species by a somewhat more depressed form and by having the sides of the spire nearly straight or slightly concave, but not convex. *Macroch. hyalina*,‡ Martens, is also very closely allied, it is a larger shell and with a more rapid increase of the volutions, the difference between the smaller and larger diameters being 2·5 m.m. In Burma and Sikkim several other allied forms occur, such as *M. hypoleuca*, *patane*, *petasus*, &c., but they are all smaller and more depressed shells.

The species is rare; I found a single live specimen and half a dozen of old shells at the base of Penang hill, about 300 feet.

The animal is long and very slender, blackish grey above and on the pedicles, paler at the sides of the foot, which has a long and thin horn above the tail gland. Both shell and neck lobes are well developed, the right ones larger than the respective left ones. The two shell lobes are linguiform, and the right one, when fully expanded, covers almost half of the upper surface of the shell. The lower portion of the left neck-lobe is merely represented by a slightly thickened rim, extending from the place of insertion of the left shell-lobe to near the umbilicus.

The jaw is one mill. broad, with a central rounded tooth in the concave edge and with the corners somewhat bent outwardly; a form which is also met with in several other species of *Macrochlamys*.

The radula has not been seen perfect, but it does not appear to have been more than four mill. long, and there appear to have been at least 101 teeth in each transverse row; all with very sharp points; the central with

* Comp. Journ. A. S. B., vol. xi, pt. ii, 1871, p. 246.

† The figure of this species in Conch. Ind., pl. 62, is taken from a young or imperfect specimen, in which the peculiarly depressed form is not so well discernable as in an adult shell. Fig. 6 on the same plate is incorrect, because it does not shew the sinuosity produced median basal portion of the peristome.

‡ Preuss. Exped. nach Ost Asien, II, p. 241, pl. 12, fig. 5.

a distinct denticle on either side, and the last laterals with two small unequal cusps; all have the basal plate obtusely narrowed outwardly.

The genital organs are very similar to those of *M. indicus*, Benson, but much more slender; the amatorial gland is very thin (in a young specimen), there is a small cœcal appendage on the vas deferens, and a flagellum at the base of the penis, just before a swelling filled with calcareous particles.

*MICROCYSTIS** PALMICOLA, n. sp. Pl. i. fig. 10.

M. testa late conica, tenui, cornea, angustissime umbilicata; anfractibus quinque, gradatim accrescentibus, convexiusculis, sutura simplici junctis, supra splendore albide sericino, transversim oblique, minutissime atque confertissime, striolatis, ultimo ad peripheriam acute angulato; basi convexiuscula, olivaceo nitita; apertura subsemilunari, extus angulata, obliqua; labro tenui, simplici, ad basin recedente, ad umbilicum reflexo; labio tenuissimo, vix distinguendo. Speciminis maximi diam. maj. 2·8, d. minor 2·6, alt. 2·2, diam. apert. 1·7, ejusd. alt. 0·95 m.m.

Hab.—Penang, sub corticem *Coccos nucifera*, haud frequens.

The shell is distinguished from allied species by its comparatively sharply angular last whorl, slightly inflated base and by the peculiar silky and very finely striated upper surface.

The animal when fully extended equals in length about four diameters of the shell; it is rather dark brownish grey, darkest on the tentacles and on the rostrum; posterior gland superseded by a small horn.

HELICARION† PERMOLLE, n. sp. Pl. i, fig. 11 and pl. ii, figs. 21-23.

H. testa depresso inflatæque conoidea, tenuissima, fere membranacea, translucente, pallide lutescente, vix perforata, spira ultimo anfractu multo brevior; anfractibus 4·5, rapide accrescentibus, ad suturam simplicem adpressis, nitidis, convexiusculis, ultimo inflato, ad peripheriam rotundato, transversim lente arcuateque striatulo, ad basin striis spiralibus sub-obsolete notato; apertura lunari, valde obliqua, labio albescente, minutissime punctulato, labro tenuissimo, simplici, ad basin valde recedente, ad marginem interiorem umbilici breviter reflexiusculo. Diam. maj. 8·4, d. min. 7·4, alt. 6·3; alt. apert. cum perist. 4, ejusd. lat. 4·3 m.m.

The rather strongly elevated spire, and the membranaceous and transparent structure of the shell, separate this species from the numerous allied forms of the Philippines. The species is rare; I only obtained about half a dozen specimens on low bushes or between old vegetable matter on the ground, about 500 feet above the sea, on Penang hill.

* *Microcystis*, Beck. Comp. Semper in Reis. Arch. Philipp., pt. II, vol. iii, 1870, p. 43, and Stoliczka in J. A. S. B., vol. xl, pt. II, p. 251.

† Semper, Reisen Archip. der Philippinen, vol. iii, p. 20.

The animal is slender and very long; when fresh the extended foot is three times the longer diameter of the shell, which is then entirely covered by the mantle; but in captivity the shell lobes shrink very rapidly, being reduced to narrow linguiform appendages. Middle of back and of the hind foot whitish or very pale brownish, with a slight pinkish tinge; a broad blackish band runs from each pedicle along the sides of the whole back, and also on the sides of the posterior part of the foot, as far as the terminal gland, which is superseded by a very distinct pointed horn; the dark colour extends down to the pedal row, while a large black spot about the middle of the foot on each side reaches down to the sole; pedicles long, grey; tentacles short and almost white; mantle blackish with small whitish dots. All the four mantle lobes are well developed, the left shell and neck lobes are proportionately somewhat larger than the corresponding right ones, and each of the former has a deep but narrow incision in its lower portion.

The jaw is about one mill. broad, quadrant shaped, smooth, without any projection in the centre of the concave edge, like in most other species of the genus.

The radula is moderately broad and nearly 2.5 m.m. long; there are 95 transverse rows and about 121 teeth in each row, all remarkably small and from the tenth tooth they somewhat rapidly decrease in size towards the edges. The centre tooth has two distinct denticles on either side and a third much smaller one nearer to the base; the principal cusp is pointed. On the subsequent teeth the inner denticles disappear first, and gradually altogether, then the lower outer, while the upper outer remains, until at last it equals the principal cusp, so that the outermost teeth become almost regularly, though shortly, bicuspid.

The general anatomy does not offer any peculiarity requiring special notice. The nervous and digestive apparatus agrees with that of other ZONITIDÆ, except perhaps that the liver is enormously largely developed. The female portion of the genital system has a long sub-pedunculate receptaculum seminis, branching off at its origin. The vas deferens is very short, passing into a rather widened tube, again somewhat contracted near the base of the penis, which is attached by a special strong muscle. The end of the penis widens very rapidly for a short distance before it joins the hermaphrodite opening. I have not observed, in two specimens examined, any coecal or calciferous appendages.

Genus. *TROCHOMORPHA*, *Albers.*

HELICEEN, Edit. E. v. Martens, p. 60, and Preussische Exped nach Ost Asien vol. ii, Landschnecken, 1867, p. 245; *Nigritella* and *Videna*, ibidem. *Sivella*, Blanf.

The type of this genus is *Helix trochiformis*, Fèr., which is characterized by a moderately solid, sub-discoid or depressedly conical shell, the whorls being flattened above, the last carinate at the periphery, the aperture rhombiform or narrowly semilunar with simple-sharp edges, but the columellar lips occasionally internally somewhat thickened and slightly reflexed.

I do not know whether the animal of this typical species had been examined, but I have observed those of about a dozen different species, which evidently belong to the same type, and I find that all of them possess a very fine glandular slit at the upper end of the foot, the pedal row being in all also distinct; they have, therefore, to be referred to the ZONITIDÆ, as already noticed in my paper on the Moulmain shells in Jour. A. S. B., vol. xl, pt. II, 1871, p. 225.

Judging from a somewhat more intimate examination of the animals of a few species, the following characters have to be added to those derived from the peculiar shape of the shell.

Animal moderately slender, with the posterior part of the foot shorter than the anterior, the former terminating above with a small glandular slit; pedal row distinct; mantle with elongated narrow neck lobes, but with the shell lobes entirely wanting, left neck lobe sometimes divided or insinuated in the middle; jaw smooth; genital organs without amatorial gland, or any other appendages; seminal receptacle and seminal duct very long.

The *Trochomorpha* live on the ground generally in decaying vegetable matter, under or on old wood. Three species have been found on Penang.

Albers, while noticing several typical species, such as *T. planorbis*, Less., under his genus *Discus*, referred to *Trochomorpha* a most varied mixture of shells: for instance; *anceps*, Gould, *serrula*, Bens. etc. which belong to *Rotula*; *Barrackpoorensis*, Pfr., is a *Kaliella*; *cacuminifera* and *infula*, Bens. are *Sitalæ* (= *Conulema*, olim); *H. capitium*, Bens., does not belong to the present family, but to the next, the true *Helicidæ*, etc.

E. v. Martens (l. cit. pp. 246 and 247) adopted two groups in the genus *Trochomorpha*; the one, for which he proposes the name *Nigritella*, includes the obtusely conoid and more solid shells, sometimes with a somewhat obtuse periphery; these are true *Trochomorpha*, of the type of *H. trochiformis*, or of *Troch. Ternatana*, Guillou; the name *Nigritella* is, therefore, entirely superfluous. The second group is classed by Martens as *Videna*, Adams; it includes the more planorboid and sharply keeled species of the type of *H. planorbis*, Less. For this same group, (type *H. castra*, Benson,) W. T. Blanford proposed the subgeneric name *Sivella*.

Judging from the similarity of the shells of these two groups and from what we know of the animal of *T. Ternatana*, observed by Martens, I very much doubt that any necessity exists for subdividing the genus *Trochomorpha*.

TROCHOMORPHA CASTRA, (*Benson*). Pl. i, figs. 14-16 and pl. ii, figs. 7-9.

Helix castra, Benson, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., 1852, vol. x, p. 349.—Reeve, Conch. Icon., *Helix*, No. 1160.

The shell is subject to a very considerable amount of variation as regards the elevation of the spire. Young specimens are sometimes almost planorbular, and in some adults the total height of the shell is scarcely more than one-third of the larger diameter, while in others it somewhat exceeds one half of the same dimension. The width of the umbilicus varies from 0·2 to 0·3 of the diameter of the shell. The base is always distinctly spirally striated, but on the upper side the oblique transverse striæ of growth prevail. The usual colour is pale horny, sometimes brown with a pale band below the suture.

The species is very rare on Penang hill, but it is common in Pegu, Arakan, Assam, Sikkim, and within the last few years it became abundant in the botanic garden near Calcutta, having been most likely introduced from Darjeeling. One of the largest Sikkim specimens in my collection measures: larger diam. 13, smaller diam. 12, height of shell 7, same of apert. 3, width of same 5·4 m.m.

The animal changes from dark leaden to blackish grey, being always paler at the sides of the foot, generally tinged with brownish below the pedal row; tentacles and pedicles mostly somewhat darker than the body; neck distinctly warty; sole dark grey, entire, without any distinct furrows; tail gland represented by a fine slit about one mill. long. The total length of the foot generally equals one and a half diameters of the shell, the caudal portion being always shorter than the anterior one. The mantle is blackish and in its extent above the large pulmonary cavity variegated with pale spots.

The jaw is smooth, very thin, almost semicircular, with broad oblique ends and a small, in younger specimens sometimes almost obsolete, projection in the centre of the concave edge; its width is about one half millimetre.

The radula is narrow, about two mill. long, or slightly longer, composed of about 85 transverse straight rows, there being about 101 teeth in each of them. All have very sharp, long and pointed cusps, the central with a small denticle on either side near the tip; on the outer ones, as they turn laterally and gradually decrease in size, the inner denticle disappears, while the outer increases, until on the last 15 or 20 teeth, preceding the 3 or 4 terminal ones, it equals the principal cusp. The last few teeth are short, broad, and their outer cusp becomes almost entirely obsolete, the teeth presenting merely an oblique sharp edge.

The female portion of the genital organs has a globular swelling near its origin at the hermaphrodite opening, and the receptaculum seminis

branches off above this gland, it is fully one inch long, somewhat thickened in the middle. The penis is attached by a short muscle, about 4 m.m. long and moderately thickened.

TROCHOMORPHA CANTORIANA, (*Benson*). Pl. i, fig. 13.

Helix Cantoriana, Benson, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., 1861, vii, p. 85.

Five specimens which I found on Penang hill (at about 2000 feet elevation) exactly correspond with Benson's description, which was taken from a solitary specimen obtained by Dr. Cantor on the small island Sung-Sung near Penang. The illustration given on plate i will dispense with a repetition of the description quoted above. The apex is smooth, slightly swollen, and there are scarcely more than five whorls in specimens of 10 m.m.

The animal is blackish grey with a very narrow, pale dorsal stripe, quite similar to that of *T. castra*, but by some accident no specimen was preserved in spirit, so I cannot give any further details of its structure; it is, however, certainly a *Trochomorpha*. The specimens were found under a log of old wood.

TROCHOMORPHA TIMORENSIS, Martens. Pl. i, fig. 17, and pl. ii, figs. 10-12.

E. v. Martens, in Preuss. Ost-Asiat. Exped., 1867, II, p. 248.

Penang specimens, of which I obtained sixteen, entirely agree in form and structure with the shell described by E. von Martens, with the single exception that the last whorl is not descending near the aperture, but there is an inclination to it, as its terminal portion in adult specimens is slightly more bent downwards than the preceding part (comp. figs. 17*a* and 17*b*). This character is, however, certainly a variable one; it does also occasionally occur in adult specimens of *T. castra* and *T. planorbis*. The differences noticed by E. v. Martens regarding the greater number of whorls, and the larger umbilicus, with less rapidly descending sides, in *Timorensis*, when compared with *planorbis*, are well marked in Penang examples.

The species is found sparingly on or under old wood all over Penang hill; *T. planorbis* was not met with there, but it is a very abundant shell at the Nicobars.

The animal is uniform blackish, mantle more intense black; pedal row distinct and the edge of the foot below it nearly quite smooth; neck and sides covered with small warts; tail gland represented by a very fine slit, scarcely more than half a millimetre long.

The jaw and radula are quite similar to those of *T. castra*. The former is about three quarters mill. broad, with somewhat curved out ends and a broadly rounded central projection in the concave edge. The teeth are very slender, and the lateral denticles are very close to the tip on the centre tooth. The outer denticle descends a little lower down on the laterals, but it

always appears to remain smaller than on the corresponding teeth of *T. castra*; the outermost laterals were not observed, they must be very thin.

The genital organs are distinguished by a very great length of the seminal receptacle and of the seminal duct; the former is one and a half to nearly two inches long; it is somewhat widened near its origin but further on almost throughout equally thin.

Fam. Vitrinidæ.

VITRINA NUCLEATA, n. sp. Pl. i, fig. 12 and pl. ii, figs. 4-6.

Vit. testa depresso ovata, tumidula, tenui, pallide cornea, translucente; anfractibus 3·75, nucleo 1·5 anf. composito, late conico, inflato, lævigato, duobus anf. sequentibus ad suturam adpressis, subcanaliculatis, rapide accrescentibus, nitidis, transversim striis incrementi minutissimis notatis; apertura ampla, per-obliqua, labio undique tenuissimo, ad basin valde recedente, margine supero convexiusculo. Diam. maj. 9, diam. minor 7, alt. test. 5·3, alt. aperturæ 4·8, ejusdem latitudo 6·1 m.m.

A characteristically distinct species, by having the nucleus composed of one and a half whorls, conically tumid, while the next whorl is at its beginning only very narrowly exposed, or almost entirely covered. The outer lip is very thin, almost membranaceous, and simple throughout.

V. nucleata is one of the rarest Penang shells. I found three live specimens on the Penang hill in dense forest on old wood, about 1000 feet above the sea, and two more old shells at the base of the hill.

The animal is entirely black, only slightly paler at the front sides of the foot; it is very long and slender, its total length being about four times that of the longer diameter of the shell; the anterior part is the much shorter one, the posterior tapers into a point, and the whole is warty and grooved. The mantle, however, is nearly smooth. In quite fresh specimens the two shell lobes entirely cover the shell, but generally the left lobe covers a little more than one fourth of the last whorl extending from the margin of the mouth, while the right lobe also covers one-fourth of it beginning at the angle of the mouth, but at the same time also envelops the whole spire. The neck lobes are also well developed, rounded, with simple edges, the left is much larger and longer than the right one. The sole of foot is pale brown, divided by two grooves in nearly three equal parts, of which the median is smooth and the lateral transversely sulcated. Pedal row well marked by a thin groove above and along the entire base of foot.

The jaw is semilunar, radiately finely striated, with a blunt projection in the centre of the concave edge; the outer or convex portion is smooth; it measures about 0·75 m.m. in breadth.

The radula is about two mill. long and half a mill. broad; there are 110 transverse, almost quite straight rows, but only 61 teeth in each of them.

All have very sharply pointed cusps, the central has two small lateral denticles on either side; on the outer ones these denticles almost entirely disappear.

The genital organs are distinguished by a great length of the uterus, at the end of which lies a large albuminous (*ag.*) and hermaphrodite gland (*hg.*). The seminal receptacle (*rs.*) is a long, pedunculated, spacious bag which includes a peculiarly twisted, horny organ, provided on the concave side with short crispate appendage. It is the same problematic organ which I described in *Sesara infrendens*, Gld., and *Macrochlamys* [*Durgella*] *honesta*, Gld., (Comp. J. A. S. B. XL., Pt. II, p. 242 and 250, pl. xvi, fig. 5 and 6, and pl. xvii, fig. 13). Whether this structure represents the amatorial organ and whether that which we call a seminal receptacle really possesses the function which we attribute to it, appears to be as yet an open question. In the present species I found the terminal end of the so-called seminal receptacle filled with a milky substance, which under a high power exhibited a quite irregular flaky appearance.

In other respects the present species does not offer any anatomical peculiarities. The œsophagus is comparatively thin, long, cylindrical. The kidney, situated near the end of the rectum, is very large, of a broadly triangular shape; the liver enormously developed.

Some years passed the *Vitrinæ* had been classed as a subfamily of the *Helicidæ*; more recently they had been by various authors treated with the *Zonitidæ*, in the Oxygnathe group of HELICACEA. I think the older classification is preferable, as entered by Binney and Bland in their Land and Fresh-water shells of N. America. But I would prefer to give them, together with *Helicolimax*, *Hyalina* and their allies, a position intermediate between the two families. They combine indeed several of the characters of both. Although they do not possess a terminal mucous gland on the end of the foot (as all *Zonitidæ* do), they have a more or less distinct pedal row, and the sole appears to be often divided by longitudinal grooves. The jaw is entirely or partially finely transversely striated, not quite smooth, as usually in *Zonitidæ*, and not ribbed, as in true *Helicidæ*. However, the teeth, particularly the outermost laterals, have more the pointed character of the former than of the next family.

Fam. *Helicidæ*.

TRACHIA* PENANGENSIS, n. sp. Pl. iii, figs. 1 and 18-20.

T. suborbiculata, alta, spira breviter elevata, obtusa, modice sed profunde umbilicata, tenui, fere cornea, cuticula luteo-fusca dense et breviter pilosa induta, unicolore; anfractibus 4·5, convexis, sutura profunde subcanaliculata junctis, ultimo ad peripheriam uniforme convexo, ad aperturam paulo descen-

* Compare, Stoliczka in Journ. A. S. B., vol. xl, Pt. II, 1871, p. 223.

dente, ad marginem umbilici obtuse angulato; apertura semilunari, labio tenui, labro expanso atque reflexo, ad insertionem umbilicalem paululum dilatato, ad basin indistincte subangulato, pallide violaceo tincto. Diam. maj. 16, diam. min. 14·5, lat. aperturæ cum perist. 8·8, ejusd. alt. 8·2 m. m.

As regards the thin, almost horny, fulvous, thickly and finely setose structure of the shell, this species is probably most closely allied to *T. erinacea*, Pfr., but it differs from it, as well as from two other very similar forms, *T. quieta*, Reeve, and *T. eustoma*, Pfr., by its conspicuously more elevated spire. Other species of similar type, like *T. breviseta*, Pfr., from Siam, *T. Helferi*, Bens., from the Andamans, and four or five others described by Pfeiffer and E. v. Martens have nearly all a more depressed form and mostly sub-angular last whorl, although their spire is somewhat elevated.

The animal is dark chocolate brown, with a very narrow pale dorsal and caudal stripe, the body is laterally somewhat more blackish in front, and tinged brownish behind; the posterior end of the foot is the shorter one, as in *Trochomorpha*, although not to the same extent.

The jaw is quadrant shaped, with about six strong ribs,* and one or two less distinct ones on either side; it is 1·3 m.m. broad.

The radula is about 2·5 m.m. long., and 1. m.m. broad; there are 95 transverse rows, and 91 teeth in each of them, decreasing in size the more they approach the edges. The centre tooth is slightly smaller than the first laterals. All have a large basal plate, which is on the centre tooth slightly emarginate in the middle of the upper edge; this emargination increases in depth on the laterals, the inner branch remaining smaller, until on the last ones the upper edge becomes represented by two obtuse branches. The hook is on all teeth comparatively small, broad, with a moderately sharp point. On about the tenth tooth a small denticle appears to shew on the outer edge near the tip, becoming more distinct on the following teeth. After the eighteenth lateral, the teeth become somewhat more rapidly shorter, but increase in width until the last are wider than long, or high, and on these the basal plate has almost entirely become obsolete.

The genital organs are more than an inch long. The female portion has a long seminal receptacle, strongly thickened and muscular for some distance from its origin, then passing into a long thin tube and terminating with a moderately enlarged bubble, attached by very thin muscular fibres to the albuminous gland which is situated at the end of the uterus. The vas deferens takes its origin near the upper end of the uterus; it is attached by numerous thin threads at the hermaphrodite opening, and after a short distance enlarges into a muscular tube. At the beginning of this enlargement is a short pointed flagellum (*f*), and at the

* Evidently very much like that of *Campylæa*.

other end, where the penis begins, is a retractor muscle. The penis itself has near its base a cœcal appendage; its terminal portion, before it joins the hermaphrodite opening, is very thin.

A comparison of the genital organs with those of *Trachia delibrata* represented in J. A. S. B., vol. XL, Pt. II, 1871, pl. xvi, fig. 1, will shew, that the only essential difference consists in the presence of the small cœcal appendage on the penis in *T. Penangensis*. The jaw has fewer and less strong ribs, than that of the former species, but the teeth themselves are extremely similar.

Taking all these anatomical characters together with those of the shell, as noticed in my paper cited above, I think we can consider *Trachia* as a fairly established genus of the HELICIDÆ.

HELIX [FRUTICICOLA] SIMILARIS, Fér. Pl. ii, figs. 1-3.

Comp. E. v. Martens, in Preuss. Exped. nach Ost-Asien, vol. II, pp. 43 and 270, etc. Stoliczka in J. A. S. B. vol. XL, Pt. II, 1871, p. 224.

On Penang this species is mostly found in the coco-palm plantations up to a height of about 200 feet, never in the interior of large forests and at great elevations. The shells are of the usual small size (larger diam. between 12 and 13 m.m.), with or without a brown peripheral band. The striæ of growth are generally fine, but in some specimens they accumulate to strong ribs which give the shell a very peculiar costate appearance.

I also obtained the species from Malacca, near Singapore, Hongkong, Chusan, Maccao, Canton, &c., northwards it extends through Tenasserim into Burma, where it is associated with a great number of closely allied species, some of which may prove to be mere varieties of it. I may mention *H. bolus*, *H. sculpturrita*, *H. Zoroaster*, &c.

In Bengal itself the species is not known, but in Central India it is represented by *H. propinqua*, and on the Andamans by *H. hemiopta*. Judging from the great number of closely allied species in the Indo-Malayan region, there is certainly the greatest probability that the original habitat of *H. similaris* falls within the Indo-Malayan Archipelago, and that it has been introduced into Mauritius, China and South America.

The animal is rather slender, all over strongly warty, brownish fleshy white, or pale brown, the pedal row is very slightly indicated by a fine groove; the pedicles and tentacles are greyish white, mantle dull milky white with a slight vermilion tinge. When the animal is quite fresh the total length of the foot is equal to from two and a half to three longer diameters of the shell.

The jaw is semilunar, about 1 m.m. broad, with three strong central ribs, followed by a somewhat broader one on either side, while the next is only indicated by a faint dark line.

The radula is when compared with the size of the animal large, about 2·3 m.m. long, and somewhat more than one m.m. broad; it is composed of about 90 transverse rows, with 67 teeth in each of them. The central is much smaller than the adjoining laterals, with a long arched cusp. The laterals somewhat rapidly decrease in size after the 14th; on the outermost the basal plate gradually disappears, while the breadth of the teeth exceeds their length.

The genital organs are more complicated than in *Trachia*. The female portion has at its origin a rather short, thick muscular cœcal appendage, which most probably represents the amatorial gland; it is widened near its origin and at its rounded end. The seminal receptacle is a round bag, attached to a long thin peduncle of about the same length as the uterus. The seminal duct is moderately long, but the penis comparatively thick and attached by a strong muscle.

Fam. Bulimidæ.

BULIMUS.—Subg. *Amphidromus*.

The only two species which I found among the coco-palms were *Bulimus atricallosus*, Gould, and *B. interruptus*, var. *citrinus*; the uniform coloured greenish yellow variety. The former is the more common species.

Besides these two, the ubiquitous *Stenogyra gracilis* is by no means rare at the roots of palm trees.

Fam. Clausiliidæ.

CLAUSILIA (PHÆDUSA) PENANGENSIS, n. sp. Pl. ii, figs. 4-6 and 15-17.

C. testa fusiformi, plus minusve attenuata, medio ad anfractum penultimum latissima, non rimata, solidula, castanea, apice submammillata, albescente, anfractibus 9·5 ad 10·5, convexis, sutura simplici junctis, transversim confertissime striolatis, penultimo sensim attenuato; apertura ovata, intus castanea, peristomate modice expanso, undique libero, albescente, plicia supera crassa, ad marginem aperturæ continua, columellari immersa, tenui, valde oblique intrante; plicis palatalibus six, prima longissimima, unam mill. a margine suturali distante, ceteris multo brevioribus, subæqualibus, modice curvatis atque fere æquidistantibus.

Var. *brevis*, exquisite fusiformis, vide fig. 6 et 6a; long. 24, lat. 6·2, apert. cum perist. 6 longa, 4·5 m.m. lata.

Var. *elongate fusiformis*, vide fig. 5; long. 26·3, lat. 6·2, apert. 6·9 longa, 4·7 m.m. lata; in hoc specimine apertura exceptionaliter longa est, in speciminibus alteris, forma similibus, longitudo aperturæ 6·2 ad 6·4 observanda.

Var. *exilis*, attenuate fusiformis, vide fig. 4 et 4a; leng. 27, lat. 6, long. apert. 6·3, lat. 4·6 m.m.

Hab.—Penang hill, frequens.

This is an extremely variable species as regards the shorter or longer fusiform shape of the shell, and also as regards the size of the aperture, but both these variations are very commonly observed in other species of the genus, and particularly in the allied Malayan species *Cl. Gouldiana*, Pfr., *insignis*, Gould,* and *Sumatrana*, Martens.† All three have a similarly variable shape, and finely striated, moderately convex, whorls, but in the two former the aperture is much shorter of a squarish shape, and in the last it is conspicuously longer; E. v. Martens gives its length at 8 m. m. in a specimen, the total length of which is from 23·5 to 31·5 m. m. In this last species, which also comes nearest to the Penang shell, the whorls appear to be slightly less convex and there are only five palatal plates present.

The animal is uniform grey covered with small pale brown warts, darker on the back, paler on the pedicles, which have very small, black eyes; tentacles very short.

The general anatomical structure agrees with that which I published of *Cl. Philippiana*, (comp. J. A. S. B., vol. xl, pt. II, 1871, p. 174, pl. vi, fig. 8).

The genital organs are distinguished by a very great length of both the uterus and the penis, both of which are much twisted. The only appendage is that of the seminal receptacle, which is comparatively small and narrow, situated at the end of a long peduncle.

The jaw is very short, about 0·5 m. m. broad, apparently smooth; only very faint radiating and concentric lines are to be observed in certain lights.

The radula is about 2 m.m. long and 0·5 m.m. broad; it consists of about 125 rows, with 61 teeth in each row. All are provided with a strongly curved cusp; after about the fifteenth tooth, they rather rapidly decrease in length. Towards the end of each row they become multi-serrated, while the basal plate almost entirely disappears. The last teeth are very short, but broad, almost linear and entire,

CLAUSILIA [PHÆDUSA] FILICOSTATA, n. sp. Pl. III, figs. 7-8.

Cl. testa fusiforme turrita, apice sensim attenuata, subrimata, tenui, pallide cornea; anfractibus 10 ad 11, lente convexiusculis, sutura simplici junctis, ad suturam filiforme marginatis atque infra marginem paulum contractis, transversim oblique dense costellatis, antepenultimo vix latiore quam penultimo, ultimo versus aperturam paululum contracto; apertura ovate subtrigona, postice, (aut supra), subangulata, peristomate expanso, undique libero, plica

* J. A. S. B., xli, pt. II, pp. 203, 204, 208, pl. ix.

† Ost-Asiat. Exped., 1867, p. 379, pl. 22, fig. 17.

supera tenui, haud usque ad marginem peristomatis interni extensa, intus in fauce rapide evanescente, columellari approximata, fortiori, valde obliqua; plicis palatalibus circiter decem, supera longissima, a margine distante, duabus vel tribus sequentibus multo brevioribus, cæteris brevissimis, omnibus inter se irregulariter dispositis. Long. 21·2, lat. 4·4; long. apert. cum perist. paulo imperfecto 4·8, lat. 3·6 m.m.; specim. secundi apert. cum perist. perfecto 5·3 longa et 4 m.m. lata.

Hab.—Penang hill, cum precedente, sed rarissima.

This species is very closely allied to *Cl. Javana*, Pfr., but the latter has the whorls, particularly the middle ones, somewhat higher, the transverse costulation is a little finer, and more crowded, the palatal plaits are fewer, two according to Küster, three to four according to E. v. Martens; it also appears to have the two labial plaits stronger. I do not know any other species with which the Penang shell can be compared. It appears to be extremely rare; out of three specimens found only one has the aperture with the margins perfectly well developed.

Fam. Philomycidæ.

Binney and Bland, Land and fresh-water shells N. America, pt. I, 1869, p. 294.

Genus. PHILOMYCUS.

1820. Rafinesque. Comp. 'Complete writings,' by Binney and Tryon, 1864, p. 64.

1821. Férussac, Tabl. syst. des Limaces, p. 14.

1823. *Meghimation*, Hasselt, Algem. Konst. &c., p. 232; *idem*, Fér., 1824.

1842 (August). *Incillaria*, Benson, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist. vol. ix, p. 486.

1842 (Septb.). *Tebenophorus*, Binney, Boston Journal, iv, p. 171, and 1844, Wyman, *ibidem* p. 410.

1866. *Philomycus*, (anatomy of) Keferstein, Zeitsch. Wissensch. Zool., vol. xvi, p. 183.

1866. *Incillaria* and *Meghimatium* (anatomy of), Keferstein, Malacoz. Blætter, vol. xiii, p. 64.

1869. *Tebenophorus*, Binney and Bland, Land and Fresh water shells N. Am. pt. I, Pulm. Geoph., p. 295.

Philomycus apud H. and A. Adams, Chenu, E. v. Martens &c.

It must be admitted that the original characteristic of the genus by Rafinesque is a very unsatisfactory one, but that is the case with many other old definitions. When Rafinesque wrote that *Philomycus* has no visible mantle, everybody* could, I think, fancy that the mantle must extend over

* Binney writes in 1841 (Boston Journ. IV, p. 174) of his *Philomycus dorsalis* corporeclypeo nullo,' and on p. 171 of *Tebenophorus carolinensis* 'clypeo lato et elongato, dorsum integrum vestiente,' and still both species have the mantle covering the entire upper surface of the body, and both are *Philomycus* (or *Pallifera* of Morse).

the whole body, if the animal can at all be closely compared with *Limax*, or else it could not be a Mollusc at all. This was indeed well understood by Férussac, who in the next year referred to *Philomycus*, besides the four insufficiently described species of Rafinesque, *Limax carolinensis* of Bose, well known from description and figure, (copied in Hist. nat. des Moll., pl., 6, fig. 3). And as Rafinesque's species had not been rediscovered and his descriptions not made more complete, *Ph. carolinensis* remained to be considered as the type of the genus, though I do not think that there can be much doubt on the point, that Férussac had correctly interpreted Rafinesque's meaning. In any case there was no sufficient ground for introducing the name *Tebenophorus* for the same species.

Keferstein (loc. cit.) has shewn by the anatomical examination of the three typical species, *Philomycus carolinensis*, (seu *Tebenophorus*), *Meghimatium striatum* and *Incillaria bilineata*, that all three genera have to be united into one. The general anatomy and dentition &c., agree in all, the only traceable distinction of *Phil. carolinensis* consists in the presence of a small amatorial organ, situated at the entrance of the seminal receptacle. The presence or absence of this organ, or even of that of a special amatorial gland (see ante, p. 13), is rightly considered by Keferstein as insufficient for a generic separation of the American from the Indian species. I had repeatedly opportunity of satisfying myself of this by the observation, that the development of that organ does not only appear to depend upon the age of the animal, but often even upon the season or peculiarities of the conditions, under which the animal lives. As far as our materials enable us to judge, we can, I think, look upon *Philomycus* as a well established genus. For the present it has to be regarded as the sole representative of the family. The finely radiately striated (in *Ph. dorsalis* coarsely ribbed) jaw in part resembles that of the VITRINIDÆ, but the dentition has decidedly more the character of true HELICIDÆ.

I have to notice one new species found on Penang.

PHILOMYCUS PICTUS, n. sp. Pl. III, figs. 9-14.

Ph. corpore tenuiter cylindraceo, plus minusve (35 ad 46 m.m.) extenso, antice rotundate subtruncato, postice acuminato, livido, copiose mucoso, suprâ pallio lævigato, lateraliter atque in parte postica nonnunquam subgranuloso tecto, fasciis tribus longitudinalibus atratis, reticulationibus ejusdem coloris junctis, picto, faciâ centrali latissimâ, duabus alteris tenuioribus ad latus dorsi sitis et a margine inferiore distantibus; orificio pulmonari antice ad latus dextrum in incisione pallii sito, circiter 5 ad 7 m.m. a terminatione antica distante; pedunculis oculiferis circ. 5 m.m. longis, tentaculis brevissimis, ambobus pallidissimis; pede infrâ transversim plicatello, livido.

During life the length and comparative thickness of the animal changes very rapidly, as may be noticed from a comparison of the two sketches taken from life and one from a specimen preserved in spirit. The animal is covered by a thick layer of mucous secretion, it is very active, and readily burrows in light decomposing vegetable substance. The three black longitudinal bands are connected by a similarly coloured net work which continues, interspersed with, or dissolved into, little dots, to the lower edge of the mantle. The three distinctly marked bands distinguish the present species from the Javaen *Ph. reticulatus*, according to Férussac's figures 2* and 3 on pl. 8 E., p. 96^s, Moll. terr. et fluv. vol. ii. The peduncles are about 5 m.m. long, provided with distinctly developed globules on which the small black eyes are situated; the tentacles are very short, and when the animal moves about scarcely noticeable; both are very pale coloured.

The anatomy of the species almost perfectly agrees with that given by Keferstein of *Ph. striatus* and *bilineatus*. The internal pulmonary cavity extends to about one anterior fourth of the length of the body, and in the fresh animal is always well marked by the mantle above it being somewhat inflated. On this inflated portion, the mantle is smooth, on the other parts generally slightly rugose.

The genital organs (comp. fig. 13) have no special amatorial gland. The seminal receptacle is a globular pedunculated bag, situated a short distance from the hermaphrodite opening. In two specimens which I examined, I noticed the development of a strongly fibrous bundle of muscles at the entrance of the receptacle, where it branches off from the oviduct, but there was no special amatorial organ present.

The jaw is semilunar, strongly curved, thin, radiately striated; when laid flat about one mill. broad.

The radula is 2·8 m.m. long, only about 0·5 broad; there are about 170 rows, and 87 teeth in each row: the central tooth with a symmetrical simple curved cusp, the laterals with a more oblique but simple cusp, both it and the basal plate gradually decrease in height until the last teeth become almost linear and form a confluent row.

None of the other organs require any special notice.

I found three specimens of this species among old decaying vegetable matter on the ground at the northern base of Penang hill, about one hundred feet above the sea.

* E. v. Martens (Preuss. Exp. nach Ost-Asien, Landschnecksn, p. 182) refers to this figure as a synonym of Hasselt's *Parmacella reticulata*, which he quotes as *Parmarion reticulatus*. I do not know Hasselt's original figure, but surely the one given by Férussac does not represent a *Parmacella* or a *Parmarion*.

Fam. Pupidæ.

This family is represented in India and Burma by *Hypselostoma*, *Boysia* and various subgenera of *Pupa*, all of small size. Among the *Pupæ* found in Burma and the adjacent countries, inhabited by a large number of Malayan forms, the majority are referable to Albers' subgenus *Scopelophila*, the type of which is *Pupa Kokeilii*, Rossm. The shells are small, subconic or subcylindrical, composed of 4 to 8 whorls, with a moderately thin, semicorneous or corneous texture, covered by a brown cuticle; the last whorl is rimate at the base, always somewhat rapidly turned to the front, generally slightly ascending at the aperture, which is internally instructed with teeth on the whole peristome; commonly there is a bifid tooth on the inner lip, it is larger than any of the others. Some of the species appear to differ from *Pupilla* merely by the peculiar turn of the last whorl towards the front, thus shewing a strong affinity to *Hypselostoma*. The Indian species of *Scopelophila*, as far as I observed them, have the pedicles well developed and the tentacles short.

A second small group of *Pupa*, which is found in India, Burma and the country southward, is characterised by a subconic or ovate shape, composed of three to five whorls, of a thin corneous texture, covered with a transversely striated cuticle; the last whorl is not ascending, the aperture generally edentulous; the columellar lip is externally near its attachment somewhat expanded, mostly covering the umbilical region, while internally at the base it is twisted and occasionally provided with a small tooth. I propose for this subgeneric group the name

Pupisoma,

and regard as the type of it the Moulmein *P. lignicola*, described in J. A. S. B., vol. xl, pt. ii, p. 171, pl. vii, fig. 3. The animals have very short pedicles and barely a trace of tentacles. They generally live on wood.

PUPA [SCOPELOPHILA] PALMIRA, n. sp. Pl. II. fig. 3.

P. testa ovate cylindracea, rimata, sordide albida, cornea, apice obtusiuscula; anfractibus quinque, convexis, gradatim accrescentibus, sutura simplici junctis, sublævigatis, fere politis, lineis nonnullis incrementi transversis obliquis, exilissimis notata; apertura fere verticali, subquadrangulari, intus quinque-dentata, albida; labro undique expansiusculo atque paulum incrasato, extus infra suturam sinuoso, intus profunde bidentato, (dente supero minori), ad basin dente unico minuto et ad medium collumellæ altero fortiori instructo; labio tenui, adnato, extra medium prope angulum posteriorem aperturæ dente lamelliforme bipartito munito.

Long. testæ 2·15, latit. 1', long. apert. 0·8, lat. 0·6 m.m.

Hab.—Penang et in Provincia Wellesley dicta, sub corticem *Cocos nucifera*; testa rarissima.

This is of exactly the same type as the Arrakanese *P. filosa*, described at p. 333 of the Journal for last year, but it is larger, more cylindrical and has one tooth more in the aperture. From *P. Avanica* it differs by less closely wound whorls and by the interal dentition of the aperture.

It appears to be a very rare species. I found one specimen under the bark of a cocoa-nut tree on Penang, and two others on the opposite coast in the Wellesley Province.

PUPA [PUPISOMA] ORCELLA, n. sp. Pl. II, fig. 2.

P. testa subglobose conoidea, apice obtusa, angustissime perforata, tenui, cornea; anfractibus 3·5, valde convexis, sutura simplici junctis, transverse filose striolatis; apertura subrotundata, paululum obliqua, edentula; margine externo tenuissimo vix repandiuiculo, columellari albescente, vix torto, supra reflexo, umbilicum fere omnino obtegente.

Alt. testæ 1·7, diam. 1·25, alt. aperturæ 0·6 m.m.

Hab.—Penang, sub corticem *Cocos nucifera*, haud frequens.

The animal is grey with dusky pedicles, but no perceptible trace of tentacles. The species differs from *P. lignicola* (l. cit.) by a shorter and broader form, more convex whorls, and by a very slightly expanded and thin outer lip. In fresh specimens some of the transverse striæ of the cuticle are rather stronger than others, but they very soon wear off.

Fam. Streptaxidæ.

This family is represented by the single species *Ennea bicolor*, occurring with *Stenogyra gracilis*, though not very commonly. (Comp. J. A. S. B., 1871, vol. xl, pt. ii, p. 169).

Fam. Veronicellidæ and Vaginulidæ.

I have collected two species, which are by authors usually referred to the genus *Vaginulus*, and with which Blainville's *Veronicella* is considered as identical.

The one species is the same as *Vaginulus Birmanicus*, briefly described by Theobald in Journ. A. S. B., vol. xxxiii, for 1864. It is found about Calcutta, extending throughout Bengal up to the base of the Sikkim hills, through Arrakan, Tenasserim to Penang. A specimen obtained at Singapore does not appear to differ; E. v. Martens' *V. Hasselti*, (Preuss. Exp. Ost-Asien, Landschnecken, 1867, p. 176, pl. 5, figs. 2 and 4) from Sumatra, Borneo, &c., also appears to be the same, and it seems to me very probable that it is the true *Onchidium molle* of Hasselt.

A second species is very closely allied to *Vaginulus Tourannensis*, Eydoux and Souleyet, (Voyage de la Bonite, pl. 28, figs. 4 to 7), found by Mr. Gaudichaud at Touranne in Cochin China.

A close examination of various eastern species of what authors usually call *Vaginulus* or *Veronicella* appears to me to indicate, that a great confusion has been brought about into the definition of these terms. First of all, we have to return to the typical species of those two generic terms, leaving all subsequent researches regarding other species out of the question.

Blainville's description of his *Veronicella laevis* in 1817 was incorrect as regards the existence of a rudiment of a shell. The mistake was, at least partially, corrected by Blainville in Dict. d. Sc. Nat. vol. 57, p. 348,* and Keferstein, after discussing the opinions about this genus, in Zeitsch. Wiss. Zool., xv, 1864, defined† *Veronicella* as it ought, I think, to be accepted.

The animals have the sexes distinct in one individuum, the male organ under the right peduncle, the female about the middle of the lower right side of the mantle; tentacles bilobed; the anal and respiratory orifices are at the posterior end; the jaw and teeth of the radula resemble those of the HELICIDÆ. Thus the general anatomical structure of *Veronicella* agrees in some respects with *Onchidium* (comp. Stoliczka in J. A. S. B., xxxviii, pt. ii, 1869, p. 88, pl. xiv), but in this genus the female genital opening lies with the two others at, or close to, the posterior end; the teeth are peculiarly hook-shaped, and there is no jaw present. As one of the characteristic figures of a *Veronicella* I may mention *Vag. Solea*, d'Orb., (Voyage dans l' Am. merid., Moll. pl. 21) from Buenos Ayres, or *Vag. Luzonicus*, Eydoux and Souleyet, in Voyage de la Bonite, Zoologie, vol. II, p. 495, pl. 28, figs. 1—3. Thus our species will have provisionally to stand as

VERONICELLA BIRMANICA, (Theob.).

It is found all over the island, up to the top of Penang hill, but is not common, and the specimens are mostly small, about 1 or 1.5 inches. The median dorsal pale stripe generally becomes distinct only in older specimens, and the lower side of the mantle is uniform livid; in very young specimens the pale stripe is absent, and the mantle marked below with dark dots.

The name *Vaginulus* was introduced by Férussac in 1821. Judging from the description of the genus, in part at least, from the arrangement of the species and from the anatomical account given by Blainville, it is, I

* In this article, Blainville strangely makes a great mistake in considering *Vaginulus*, *Veronicella* and *Onchidium* as identical.

† Comp. also Humbert in Mem. Soc. Ph. & Sc. Nat. Genève, vol. xvii, and E. v. Martens Preuss. Exped. p. 175, *Vaginulus*.

think, clear, that Férussac considered the first described species, *V. Taunaysi* as the type of the genus, (Comp. Moll. terr. and fluv., II, pp. 96 p, 96 q, and explic. des pl. No. 13, pl. 8 c.). Férussac's characteristic of the genus places the pulmonary opening at a distance of two-fifths of the length of the body from the anterior end, and on the lower right side of the mantle; the female sexual opening is said to be on the same side, about the middle; the position of the anus is not mentioned. Blainville's account of the anatomy is not clear and partly contradictory to Férussac's statement. Some of the figures appear to leave no doubt that the position of the female sexual organ is the same as that indicated by Férussac, in others (fig. I and III,) its situation is too much backward. The anus appears to be situated according to figure I near the sexual opening, but again it is said to terminate with the anus at the posterior upper end of the foot. In the figures II and III (l. cit.), which give an insight into the whole anatomy of the animal, the true termination of the intestines is nowhere given. All this is very unsatisfactory.

Eydoux and Souleyet in their figure of *Vaginulus Tourannensis* also record a small opening at the posterior lower right end of the mantle. I can scarcely believe that this is correct; it is probably only a fault of the artist who thought that an opening must exist there, because it is clearly seen in the other species on the same plate, *Vag. Luzonicus*, which is a *Veronicella*.

My reason for doubting the correctness of Eydoux and Souleyet's figure is the very careful examination of the Penang species, which, as already mentioned, is closely allied to *V. Tourannensis*, if not really identical with it.

The Penang species has the following generic characters, as compared with those of *Veronicella*.

The sexes are distinct, the male opening is under the right peduncle, the female sexual opening lies, together with the anus and the pulmonary orifice, at the lower right side of the mantle, about two-fifths of the length of the body distant from the front. The sexual opening is nearest to the edge of the foot, then comes the anal and then the respiratory one; they are only separated by thin laminæ from each other. There is no jaw present, the manducatory organ consisting of a simple muscular tube, much as in *Strep-taxis* or *Testacella*; the radula is short, composed of simple pointed teeth which are absolutely identical with those of the two last mentioned genera. There is no opening whatsoever at the posterior end of the foot or mantle; the pointed end of the intestinal organs is only attached by a bundle of muscles to the terminal inner surface of the mantle.

On p. 96r of Férussac's Moll. ter. and fluv., Blainville says that the upper

border of the mouth is provided with a dental comb ('peigne dentaire'), and further on, that the buccal cavity is supplied on its inner upper surface with very small sharp points ('trés petites pointes acérées'). The latter statement evidently refers to sharp pointed teeth of the radula, but does the former mean to indicate the presence of a jaw, such as exists in *Veronicella*? This is a question of great importance; for if the presence of a jaw can be proved, it would certainly not support the generic identification of our Penang *Vaginulus* with *Vag. Taunaysii*.

There are also a few peculiarities in the other anatomical structure, but on the whole this latter well agrees with that given by Blainville of *Vag. Taunaysii*, with the exception of one or two organs which he evidently misinterpreted.

My doubts against a generic identity of *V. Taunaysii* with *Veronicella*, as formerly defined, appear to me to be supported also by external differences in the shape of the body. In *V. Taunaysii*, as well as in the Penang species and in *V. Tourannensis*, the body is slender and high, so to say nearly cylindrical, the globules on the tentacles are well developed, the appendages of the latter large, the posterior end of the foot is pointed and somewhat projecting beyond the termination of the mantle. In *Veronicella*, on the contrary, the body is more depressed and of a generally more ovate shape, the lower appendage on the tentacles is smaller than the tentacle itself, the end of the foot is more rounded and not, as a rule at least, projecting beyond the termination of the mantle.

E. v. Martens, when speaking of *V. Taunaysii* (Preuss. Exp. nach Ost-Asien, Landschnecken, p. 6); says that the slight lateral expansion of the mantle and the higher body distinguish it from all other species collected in India, and this opinion is, I think, strongly in favour of my presumed distinction between *Veronicella* and *Vaginulus*; for it also exactly applies to the Penang species.

Finally, I must draw the attention to the remarkable external similarity in the form of the body of *Vaginulus porulosus*, Fér. (Moll. ter. et fluv. II, p. 96^l, pl. 8 E, fig. 5) with that of *Testacella*. The former species is recorded after a drawing communicated to Férussac by van Hasselt, and is no doubt from Java or one of the adjoining islands. I think it represents a true *Vaginulus*, and not a *Veronicella*.

I have placed the above discussion before my malacological friends, because I consider a satisfactory solution of the points in question of considerable importance. The information is not easily obtainable, as the necessary materials are very much scattered about. If my suppositions prove correct, the so called AGNATHA group, and especially the TESTACELLIDÆ or STREPTAXIDÆ, will appear before us in a quite different light, when compared with the other

groups. They will shew that certain characters remain constant under different physical conditions, while others change, and that the change takes place according to certain principles, affecting similar or the same organs. Extended observations of this kind must give us the key to a correct systematic arrangement.

Our special question cannot be solved, unless Blainville's and Férussac's somewhat contradictory accounts of the structure and anatomy of *Vaginulus Tawnaysii* had been satisfactorily settled. I hope to have myself an early opportunity of examining one of these animals, and until such a time I will postpone the detailed description of the Penang species, (and of another new one from Sikkim), together with their anatomy, which requires a careful comparison with that of *Vaginulus* and *Onchidium*, of each of which I will have to describe several interesting new forms.

Explanation of plates.

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Plate II.

- Figs. 1—3. *Fruticicola similis*, Fér., p. 26.
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All the figures are enlarged ; the measurements in natural size are given in the text referred to.

Plate III.

- Figs. 1. *Trachia Penangensis*, n. sp., p. 24; three views in natural size.
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 " 3. *Pupa* [*Scopelophila*] *palмира*, n. sp., p. 32; 3, natural size, and two views enlarged.
 " 4—6. *Clausilia* [*Phædusa*] *Penangensis*, n. sp., p. 27; 4, 4a, attenuated var.; 5, elongately fusiform var.; 6, 6a, fusiform variety; all figures in natural size.
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 " 9—14. *Philomicus pictus*, n. sp., p. 30; 9, 9a, 9b, three views taken from a specimen in spirit; 10 and 11, two views of the same specimen in different states of expansion, taken from life; all these figures are in natural size, but the other figures, representing the genital organs, the jaw and teeth, are enlarged.
 " 15—17. *Clausilia Penangensis*, vide p. 27.
 " 18—20. *Trachia Penangensis*, vide p. 24.

Explanation of the letters used on pl. II and III.

- ho = hermaphrodite opening.
 ut = uterus.
 al = albuminous gland.
 vd = vas deferens.
 ag = amatorial gland.
 p = penis.
 m = retractile muscle.
 rs = receptaculum seminis.
 po = pulmonary opening.
 an = inner, or posterior, angle of mouth.
 pn = peripheral angle.
 u = umbilicus.
 rs = right shell-lobe.
 rn = ,, neck lobe.
 ls = left shell lobe.
 ln = left neck lobe.

The small letters below the teeth refer to the distance of each tooth from the respective central tooth in each series.





Figs 1-3. *Rhysota cymatium*.

" 4-7 *Rotala bijuga*.

" 8. *Sitala carinifera*.

" 9. *Macrochlamys stephoides*.

" 10 *Microcystis palmicola*.

Fig. 11. *Helicarion permolle*.

" 12. *Vitrina nucleata*.

" 13. *Trochom. Cantoriana*.

" 14-16 " *Castra*.

" 17. " *Timorensis*.

For further explanation see p. 37.

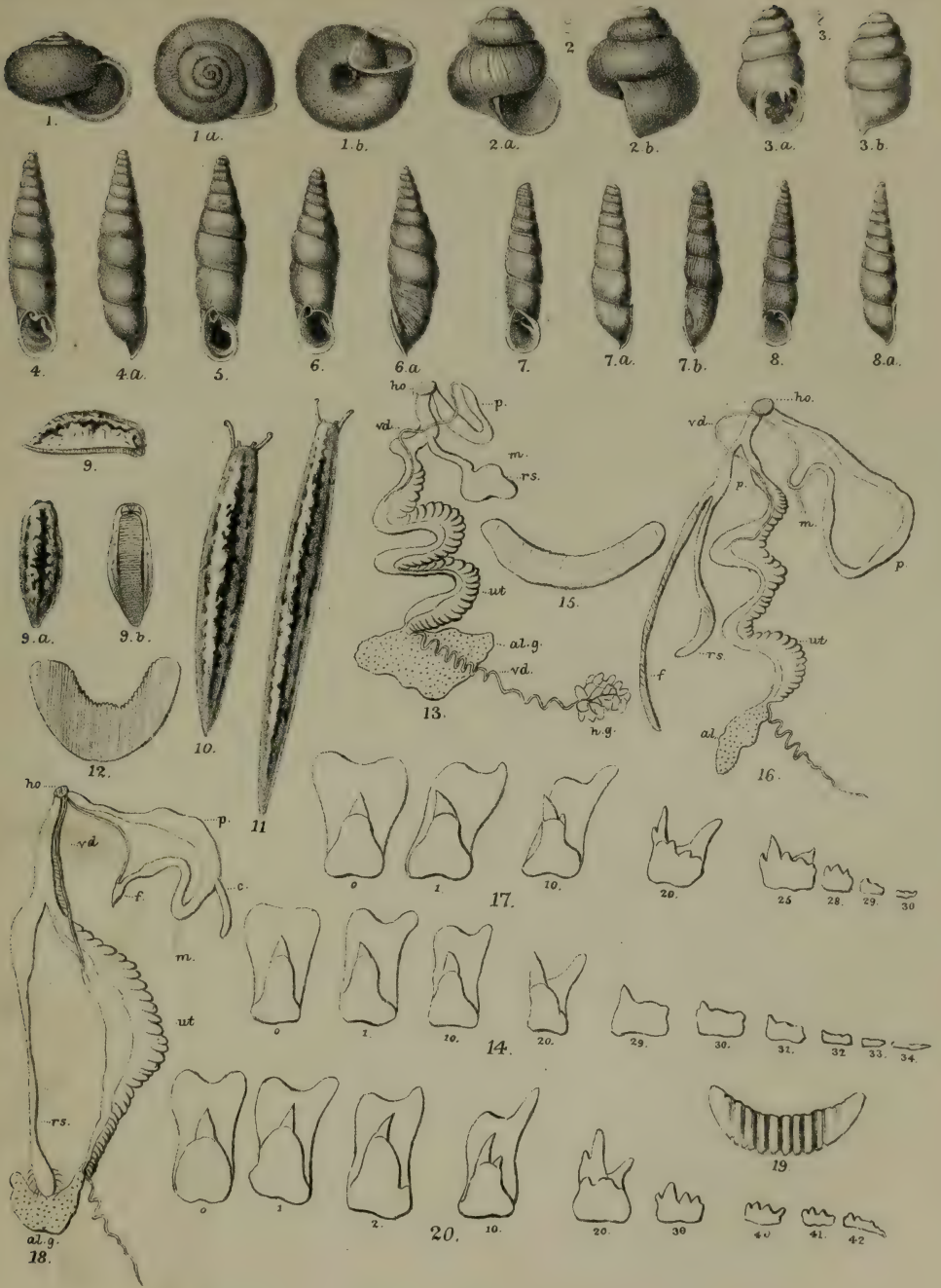


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